

City of Galveston



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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
OSWER Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5101)
401 M Street, SW
Washington, DC 20460

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Galveston, Texas is pleased to present our application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the 1998 National Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots. Galveston's Brownfields Pilot Project as proposed, in linkage with our Enterprise Zone initiative, and with the involvement and input of the affected communities, can:

- Encourage redevelopment of the economically and environmentally distressed areas of Galveston's Enterprise Zone;
- Return abandoned or underutilized properties to productive use, including their environmental restoration;
- Provide employment opportunities for citizens in a largely minority area;
- Forge a partnership between the city and the affected communities giving them a voice in the redevelopment of the inner urban areas in which they live; and
- Begin a Brownfields redevelopment initiative which will continue beyond the end of the pilot project for a more sustainable economic development effort for the City of Galveston.

We appreciate the opportunity offered by EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative; and the assistance received from EPA staff in the development of our project proposal. We feel we have prepared a quality proposal, and hope to be one of the successful applicants. As required, we have submitted our application by December 15 to be considered in the first round of evaluations. If for some reason we are not successful in the first round, we

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would appreciate the opportunity to resubmit for the second round in March. Should you have any questions on our proposal, or need additional information, please contact me. You may also contact Mr. Win Turner of KMA Environmental Services, Inc., who assisted in the preparation of our application. The contact information is given on the proposal cover page. We look forward to working with EPA staff in the implementation of our Brownfields Pilot Project.

Sincerely,



Steven J. LeBlanc
City Manager

Attachment

cc: With Attachment

Mr. Stan Hitt, EPA Region 6 Brownfields Coordinator, Dallas, Tx
Mr. Henry Freudenburg, Mayor, City of Galveston
Mr. Lauri Andress, Executive Director, Save "R" Hood
Mr. John Tindel, President, Galveston Chamber of Commerce